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COUNTRY : Albania [redacted]

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SUBJECT : International Brigade Camp at Selenicë

INFORMATION DATE [redacted]

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EVALUATION [redacted]

1. Colonel-General Enver Hoxha arrived on 30 October at Selenicë, ten miles northeast of Vlonë, to inspect the 1,500 volunteers for the International Brigade stationed in the military camp there [redacted]

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2. Hoxha was received by the commander of the camp, Major Arno Hartmann, ex-officer of the German army and former chief German liaison officer on the staff of Marshal Kvaternik in Croatia, and by Captain Geza Kulcs (Hungarian Communist) [redacted]

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3. In addressing the volunteers, Hoxha expressed his confidence in the coming victory of the Soviet people over international Fascism. "As for us", he said, "we must follow the noble example set by the USSR, and working in fraternal union with our brothers the Yugoslavs and Bulgarians, hasten victory over the abominable Monarcho-Fascist regime in Greece."

4. Except for the permanent garrison of 400 (instructors and teaching staff, camp personnel) at the Selenice Camp, all other volunteers to the number of 1,100 have been trained as signal troops. These 1,100 include 800 Hungarian volunteers, chiefly from Hungarian Slovakia and Sub-Carpatho Russia.

5. These signal troops are organized in three companies as follows:

Name of UnitCO of Unit

"Előre Company

Lt. Andrej Furman

"Szel" Company

Captain Ferenc Ladosi

"Piros Gyorsani" Company

Lt. Janos Spolaric

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7. The Political Commissar of the camp is Matias Spiro

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